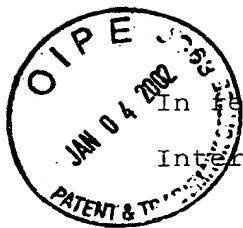


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Dear Sir:

The applicants herewith respond to the notification of defective response mailed on December 21, 2001 wherein the declaration was objected to because it was believed that the application was not identified by the international application number and international filing date in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it is not executed in accordance with either 37 CFR 1.66 or 37 CFR 1.68.

Applicants respectfully submit that their declaration does indeed identify the application by the international application number and international filing date and is indeed executed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.66 and 37 CFR 1.68 as shown in the attached a copy of the executed declaration which was filed on November 30, 2001.

In view of the above, the declaration filed on November 30, 2001
should be acceptable.

A copy of the notification of defective response is also attached
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